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1. SOVIET SIDE AGREES TO RECEIVE BECKLER AND THE SHULLS ON SEPTEMBER 15 FOR DISCUSSIONS AT SOVIET ACADEMY (WITH FILIPPOV, OVCHINNIKOV, AND OTHERS, DEPENDING UPON AVAILABILITY) AND VISIT TO NOVOSIBIRSK PRECEDING ARRIVAL OF REMAINING MEMBERS OF US TEAM ON SEPTEMBER 22.

2. SKLYAROV REGRETS THAT IT SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO RECEIVE MANPOWER EXPERTS (CAIN AND NIMITZ) AND EXPENDITURES EXPERTS (STEWART AND FESHBACH) BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22.

3. RE LAST PARA, REF. B, TO PROVIDE SOVIET SIDE AMPLY TIME TO MAKE COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ASAP CONCERNING (A) WHICH MEMBERS OF US TEAM WILL WISH TO TRAVEL TO KIEV; (C) WHICH MEMBERS TO LENINGRAD; AND (D) WHETHER SITE VISITS SHOULD BE ARRANGED FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, FOLLOWED BY WORKING SESSIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, OR VICE VERSA.

4. TWENTY-SIX PAGE DOCUMENT ON PLANNING, FINANCING, CONDUCT,
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AND APPLICATION OF R&D IN USSR RECEIVED FROM SOVIETS ON

SEPTEMBER 4. MATERIAL BEING POUCHED ATTENTION GANLEY, SCI, REGISTRY NUMBER 1516343. SIMILAR MATERIAL ON EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL BE POUCHED SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8. COPIES BEING RETAINED AT EMBASSY IN EVENT MATERIAL DOES NOT REACH RESPONSIBLE US TEAM MEMBERS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW.

5. DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS SEPTEMBER 4 WITH SKLYAROV, HE EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET THAT FIRST CONTINGENT OF US TEAM COULD NOT BE RECEIVED WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15 FOR FACILITY VISITS AS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY US SIDE. AMONG OTHER REASONS CITED WAS FACT THAT HE HAD ENTERED HOSPITAL (FOR ILLNESS HE DESCRIBED AS "VERY SERIOUS") JUST DAYS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM JUNE VISIT TO US AND HAD RETURNED TO WORK ONLY THIS WEEK WHEN HE SAW BECKLER LETTER FOR FIRST TIME. ALSO, COMPOSITION OF US TEAM RECEIVED ONLY SEVEN WORKING DAYS BEFORE REQUESTED ARRIVAL, AND SKLYAROV FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT THEIR NECESSARY CLEARANCES FOR FACILITY VISITS COULD NOT BE PUSHED THROUGH IN TIME.
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